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[54] HUMAN OSTEOCLAST-SPECIFIC AND -RELATED GENES

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[57] ABSTRACT

The present invention relates to purified DNA sequences encoding all or a portion of an osteoclast-specific or -related gene products and a method for identifying such sequences. The invention also relates to antibodies directed against an osteoclast-specific or -related gene product. Also claimed are DNA constructs capable of replicating DNA encoding all or a portion of an osteoclast-specific or -related gene product, and DNA constructs capable of directing expression in a host cell of an osteoclast-specific or -related gene product.

5 Claims, 1 Drawing Sheet

1 AGACCTCTT GGTCTGCTG TGGCTCTT GGAATCTCT GTTCTTGTC TCTCTCT
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2161 GGTCTCTCT TTTCTCTCT GCTGCTGCT GATCTCTCT GTTCTCTCT TCTCTCTCT
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121 CCTGAGAACC AATCTACCG ACAGGCAGCT GGCAGAGGAA TACCTGTACC GCTATGGTTA
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241 CCAGAAGCAA CTGTCCCTGC CCGAGACCGG TGAGCTGGAT AGCGCCACGC TGAAGGCCAT
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541 GCACGGAGAC GGGTATCCCT TCGACGGGAA GGACGGGCTC CTGGCACACG CCTTTCCTCC
601 TGGCCCCGGC ATTACGGGAG ACGCCCATTT CGACGATGAC GAGTTGTGGT CCCTGGGCAA
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1021 CTCGACGGTG ATGGGGGCA ACTCGCGGG GGAGCTGTGC GTCTTCCCCT TCACTTTCCT
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2281 TCACCTTTGT TTTTGTGG AGTGTTCCTA ATAACTTGG ATTCTTAAC CTTT

Figure 1

HUMAN OSTEOCLAST-SPECIFIC AND -RELATED GENES

RELATED APPLICATION

This application is a continuation of application Ser. No. 08/045,270 filed on Apr. 6, 1993 now abandoned.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Excessive bone resorption by osteoclasts contributes to the pathology of many human diseases including arthritis, osteoporosis, periodontitis, and hypercalcemia of malignancy. During resorption, osteoclasts remove both the mineral and organic components of bone (Blair, H. C., et al., *J. Cell Biol.* 102:1164 (1986)). The mineral phase is solubilized by acidification of the sub-osteoclastic lacuna, thus allowing dissolution of hydroxyapatite (Vaes, G., *Clin. Orthop. Relat.* 231:239 (1988)). However, the mechanism(s) by which type I collagen, the major structural protein of bone, is degraded remains controversial. In addition, the regulation of osteoclastic activity is only partly understood. The lack of information concerning osteoclast function is due in part to the fact that these cells are extremely difficult to isolate as pure populations in large numbers. Furthermore, there are no osteoclastic cell lines available. An approach to studying osteoclast function that permits the identification of heretofore unknown osteoclast-specific or -related genes and gene products would allow identification of genes and gene products that are involved in the resorption of bone and in the regulation of osteoclastic activity. Therefore, identification of osteoclast-specific or -related genes or gene products would prove useful in developing therapeutic strategies for the treatment of disorders involving aberrant bone resorption.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

The present invention relates to isolated DNA sequences encoding all or a portion of osteoclast-specific or -related gene products. The present invention further relates to DNA constructs capable of replicating DNA encoding osteoclast-specific or -related gene products. In another embodiment, the invention relates to a DNA construct capable of directing expression of all or a portion of the osteoclast-specific or -related gene product in a host cell.

Also encompassed by the present invention are prokaryotic or eukaryotic cells transformed or transfected with a DNA construct encoding all or a portion of an osteoclast-specific or -related gene product. According to a particular embodiment, these cells are capable of replicating the DNA construct comprising the DNA encoding the osteoclast-specific or -related gene product, and, optionally, are capable of expressing the osteoclast-specific or -related gene product. Also claimed are antibodies raised against osteoclast-specific or -related gene products, or portions of these gene products.

The present invention further embraces a method of identifying osteoclast-specific or -related DNA sequences and DNA sequences identified in this manner. In one embodiment, cDNA encoding osteoclast is identified as follows: First, human giant cell tumor of the bone was used to 1) construct a cDNA library; 2) produce ³²P-labelled cDNA to use as a stromal cell⁺; osteoclast⁺ probe, and 3) produce (by culturing) a stromal cell population lacking osteoclasts. The presence of osteoclasts in the giant cell tumor was confirmed by histological staining for the osteo-

clast marker, type 5 tartrate-resistant acid phosphatase (TRAP) and with the use of monoclonal antibody reagents.

The stromal cell population lacking osteoclasts was produced by dissociating cells of a giant cell tumor, then growing and passaging the cells in tissue culture until the cell population was homogeneous and appeared fibroblastic. The cultured stromal cell population did not contain osteoclasts. The cultured stromal cells were then used to produce a stromal cell⁺, osteoclast⁻ ³²P-labelled cDNA probe.

The cDNA library produced from the giant cell tumor of the bone was then screened in duplicate for hybridization to the cDNA probes: one screen was performed with the giant cell tumor cDNA probe (stromal cell⁺, osteoclast⁺), while a duplicate screen was performed using the cultured stromal cell cDNA probe (stromal cell⁺, osteoclast⁻). Hybridization to a stromal⁺, osteoclast⁺ probe, accompanied by failure to hybridize to a stromal⁺, osteoclast⁻ probe indicated that a clone contained nucleic acid sequences specifically expressed by osteoclasts.

In another embodiment, genomic DNA encoding osteoclast-specific or -related gene products is identified through known hybridization techniques or amplification techniques. In one embodiment, the present invention relates to a method of identifying DNA encoding an osteoclast-specific or -related protein, or gene product, by screening a cDNA library or a genomic DNA library with a DNA probe comprising one or more sequences selected from the group consisting of the DNA sequences set out in Table I (SEQ ID NOs: 1-32). Finally, the present invention relates to an osteoclast-specific or related protein encoded by a nucleotide sequence comprising a DNA sequence selected from the group consisting of the sequences set out in Table I, or their complementary strands.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF FIG. 1

The FIG. 1 shows cDNA sequence (SEQ ID NO: 33) of human gelatinase B, and highlights those portions of the sequence represented by the osteoclast-specific or -related cDNA clones of the present invention.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

As described herein, Applicant has identified osteoclast-specific or osteoclast-related nucleic acid sequences. These sequences were identified as follows: Human giant cell tumor of the bone was used to 1) construct a cDNA library; 2) produce ³²P-labelled cDNA to use as a stromal cell⁺, osteoclast⁺ probe, and 3) produce (by culturing) a stromal cell population lacking osteoclasts. The presence of osteoclasts in the giant cell tumor was confirmed by histological staining for the osteoclast marker, type 5 acid phosphatase (TRAP). In addition, monoclonal antibody reagents were used to characterize the multinucleated cells in the giant cell tumor, which cells were found to have a phenotype distinct from macrophages and consistent with osteoclasts.

The stromal cell population lacking osteoclasts was produced by dissociating cells of a giant cell tumor, then growing the cells in tissue culture for at least five passages. After five passages the cultured cell population was homogeneous and appeared fibroblastic. The cultured population contained no multinucleated cells at this point, tested negative for type 5 acid phosphatase, and tested variably alkaline phosphatase positive. That is, the cultured stromal cell population did not contain osteoclasts. The cultured stromal

cells were then used to produce a stromal cell⁺, osteoclast⁻ ³²P-labelled cDNA probe.

The cDNA library produced from the giant cell tumor of the bone was then screened in duplicate for hybridization to the cDNA probes: one screen was performed with the giant cell tumor cDNA probe (stromal cell⁺, osteoclast⁻), while a duplicate screen was performed using the cultured stromal cell cDNA probe (stromal cell⁺ osteoclast⁻). Clones that hybridized to the giant cell tumor cDNA probe (stromal⁺, osteoclast⁺), but not to the stromal cell cDNA probe (stromal⁺, osteoclast⁻), were assumed to contain nucleic acid sequences specifically expressed by osteoclasts.

As a result of the differential screen described herein, DNA specifically expressed in osteoclast cells characterized as described herein was identified. This DNA, and equivalent DNA sequences, is referred to herein as osteoclast-specific or osteoclast-related DNA. Osteoclast-specific or -related DNA of the present invention can be obtained from sources in which it occurs in nature, can be produced recombinantly or synthesized chemically; it can be cDNA, genomic DNA, recombinantly-produced DNA or chemically-produced DNA. An equivalent DNA sequence is one which hybridizes, under standard hybridization conditions, to an osteoclast-specific or -related DNA identified as described herein or to a complement thereof.

Differential screening of a human osteoclastoma cDNA library was performed to identify genes specifically expressed in osteoclasts. Of 12,000 clones screened, 195 clones were identified which are either uniquely expressed in osteoclasts, or are osteoclast-related. These clones were further identified as osteoclast-specific, as evidenced by failure to hybridize to mRNA derived from a variety of unrelated human cell types, including epithelium, fibroblasts, lymphocytes, myelomonocytic cells, osteoblasts, and neuroblastoma cells. Of these, 32 clones contain novel cDNA sequences which were not found in the GenBank database.

A large number of cDNA clones obtained by this procedure were found to represent 92 kDa type IV collagenase (gelatinase B; E.C. 3.4.24.35) as well as tartrate resistant acid phosphatase. In situ hybridization localized mRNA for gelatinase B to multinucleated giant cells in human osteoclastomas. Gelatinase B immunoreactivity was demonstrated in giant cells from 8/8 osteoclastomas, osteoclasts in normal bone, and in osteoclasts of Paget's disease by use of a polyclonal antiserum raised against a synthetic gelatinase B peptide. In contrast, no immunoreactivity for 72 kDa type IV collagenase (gelatinase A; E.C. 3.4.24.24), which is the product of a separate gene, was detected in osteoclastomas or normal osteoclasts.

The present invention has utility for the production and identification of nucleic acid probes useful for identifying osteoclast-specific or -related DNA. Osteoclast-specific or -related DNA of the present invention can be used to produce osteoclast-specific or -related gene products useful in the therapeutic treatment of disorders involving aberrant bone resorption. The osteoclast-specific or -related sequences are also useful for generating peptides which can then be used to produce antibodies useful for identifying osteoclast-specific or -related gene products, or for altering the activity of osteoclast-specific or -related gene products. Such antibodies are referred to as osteoclast-specific antibodies. Osteoclast-specific antibodies are also useful for identifying osteoclasts. Finally, osteoclast -specific or -related DNA sequences of the present invention are useful in gene therapy. For example, they can be used to alter the

expression in osteoclasts of an aberrant osteoclast -specific or -related gene product or to correct aberrant expression of an osteoclast-specific or -related gene product. The sequences described herein can further be used to cause osteoclast-specific or related gene expression in cells in which such expression does not ordinarily occur, i.e., in cells which are not osteoclasts.

Example 1—Osteoclast cDNA Library Construction

Messenger RNA (mRNA) obtained from a human osteoclastoma ('giant cell tumor of bone'), was used to construct an osteoclastoma cDNA library. Osteoclastomas are actively bone resorptive tumors, but are usually non-metastatic. In cryostat sections, osteoclastomas consist of ~30% multinucleated cells positive for tartrate resistant acid phosphatase (TRAP), a widely utilized phenotypic marker specific in vivo for osteoclasts (Minkin, *Calcif. Tissue Int.* 34:285-290 (1982)). The remaining cells are uncharacterized 'stromal' cells, a mixture of cell types with fibroblastic/mesenchymal morphology. Although it has not yet been definitively shown, it is generally held that the osteoclasts in these tumors are non-transformed, and are activated to resorb bone in vivo by substance(s) produced by the stromal cell element.

Monoclonal antibody reagents were used to partially characterize the surface phenotype of the multinucleated cells in the giant cell tumors of long bone. In frozen sections, all multinucleated cells expressed CD68, which has previously been reported to define an antigen specific for both osteoclasts and macrophages (Horton, M. A. and M. H. Helfrich, In *Biology and Physiology of the Osteoclast*, B. R. Rifkin and C. V. Gay, editors, CRC Press, Inc. Boca Raton, Fla., 33-54 (1992)). In contrast, no staining of giant cells was observed for CD11b or CD14 surface antigens, which are present on monocyte/macrophages and granulocytes (Amaout, M. A. et al. *J. Cell. Physiol.* 137:305 (1988); Haziot, A. et al. *J. Immunol.* 141:547 (1988)). Cytocentrifuge preparations of human peripheral blood monocytes were positive for CD68, CD11b, and CD14. These results demonstrate that the multinucleated giant cells of osteoclastomas have a phenotype which is distinct from that of macrophages, and which is consistent with that of osteoclasts.

Osteoclastoma tissue was snap frozen in liquid nitrogen and used to prepare poly A⁺ mRNA according to standard methods. cDNA cloning into a pcDNAII vector was carried out using a commercially-available kit (Librarian, In Vitro-gen). Approximately 2.6×10⁶ clones were obtained, >95% of which contained inserts of an average length 0.6 kB.

Example 2—Stromal Cell mRNA Preparation

A portion of each osteoclastoma was snap frozen in liquid nitrogen for mRNA preparation. The remainder of the tumor was dissociated using brief trypsinization and mechanical disaggregation, and placed into tissue culture. These cells were expanded in Dulbecco's MEM (high glucose, Sigma) supplemented with 10% newborn calf serum (MA Bioproducts), gentamycin (0.5 mg/ml), l-glutamine (2 mM) and non-essential amino acids (0.1 mM) (Gibco). The stromal cell population was passaged at least five times, after which it showed a homogenous, fibroblastic looking cell population that contained no multinucleated cells. The stromal cells were mononuclear, tested negative acid phosphatase, and tested variably alkaline phosphatase positive. These findings indicate that propagated stromal cells (i.e., stromal cells that

are passaged in culture) are non-osteoclastic and non-activated.

Example 3—Identification of DNA Encoding Osteoclastoma-Specific or -Related Gene Products by Differential screening of an Osteoclastoma cDNA Library

A total of 12,000 clones drawn from the osteoclastoma cDNA library were screened by differential hybridization, using mixed ^{32}P labelled cDNA probes derived from (1) giant cell tumor mRNA (stromal cell⁺, OC⁺), and (2) mRNA from stromal cells (stromal cell⁺, OC⁻) cultivated from the same tumor. The probes were labelled with ^{32}P dCTP by random priming to an activity of $\sim 10^6\text{CPM}/\mu\text{g}$. Of these 12,000 clones, 195 gave a positive hybridization signal with giant cell (i.e., osteoclast and stromal cell) mRNA, but not with stromal cell mRNA. Additionally, these clones failed to hybridize to cDNA produced from mRNA derived from a variety of unrelated human cell types including epithelial cells, fibroblasts, lymphocytes, myelomonocytic cells, osteoblasts, and neuroblastoma cells. The failure of these clones to hybridize to cDNA produced from mRNA derived from other cell types supports the conclusion that these clones are either uniquely expressed in osteoclasts, or are osteoclast-related.

The osteoclast (OC) cDNA library was screened for differential hybridization to OC cDNA (stromal cell⁺, OC⁺) and stromal cell cDNA (stromal cell⁺, OC⁻) as follows:

NYTRAN filters (Schleicher & Schuell) were placed on agar plates containing growth medium and ampicillin. Individual bacterial colonies from the OC library were randomly picked and transferred, in triplicate, onto filters with pre-ruled grids and then onto a master agar plate. Up to 200 colonies were inoculated onto a single 90-mm filter/plate using these techniques. The plates were inverted and incubated at 37° C. until the bacterial inoculates had grown (on the filter) to a diameter of 0.5–1.0 mm.

The colonies were then lysed, and the DNA bound to the filters by first placing the filters on top of two pieces of Whatman 3 MM paper saturated with 0.5N NaOH for 5 minutes. The filters were neutralized by placing on two pieces of Whatman 3 MM paper saturated with 1M Tris-HCL, pH 8.0 for 3–5 minutes. Neutralization was followed by incubation on another set of Whatman 3 MM papers saturated with 1M Tris-HCL, pH 8.0/1.5M NaCl for 3–5 minutes. The filters were then washed briefly in 2×SSC.

DNA was immobilized on the filters by baking the filters at 80° C. for 30 minutes. Filters were best used immediately, but they could be stored for up to one week in a vacuum jar at room temperature.

Filters were prehybridized in 5–8 ml of hybridization solution per filter, for 2–4 hours in a heat sealable bag. An additional 2 ml of solution was added for each additional filter added to the hybridization bag. The hybridization

buffer consisted of 5×SSC, 5×Denhardt's solution, 1% SDS and 100 $\mu\text{g}/\text{ml}$ denatured heterologous DNA.

Prior to hybridization, labeled probe was denatured by heating in 1×SSC for 5 minutes at 100° C., then immediately chilled on ice. Denatured probe was added to the filters in hybridization solution, and the filters hybridized with continuous agitation for 12–20 hours at 65° C.

After hybridization, the filters were washed in 2×SSC/0.2% SDS at 50°–60° C. for 30 minutes, followed by washing in 0.2×SSC/0.2% SDS at 60° C. for 60 minutes.

The filters were then air dried and autoradiographed using an intensifying screen at –70° C. overnight.

Example 4—DNA Sequencing of Selected Clones

Clones reactive with the mixed tumor probe, but unreactive with the stromal cell probe, are expected to contain either osteoclast-related, or in vivo 'activated' stromal-cell-related gene products. One hundred and forty-four cDNA clones that hybridized to tumor cell cDNA, but not to stromal cell cDNA, were sequenced by the dideoxy chain termination method of Sanger et al. (Sanger F., et al. *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA* 74:5463 (1977)) using sequenase (US Biochemical). The DNASIS (Hitachi) program was used to carry out sequence analysis and a homology search in the GenBank/EMBL database.

Fourteen of the 195 tumor⁺ stromal⁻ clones were identified as containing inserts with a sequence identical to the osteoclast marker, type 5 tartrate-resistant acid phosphatase (TRAP) (GenBank accession number J04430 M19534). The high representation of TRAP positive clones also indicates the effectiveness of the screening procedure in enriching for clones which contain osteoclast-specific or related cDNA sequences.

Interestingly, an even larger proportion of the tumor⁺ stromal⁻ clones (77/195; 39.5%) were identified as human gelatinase B (macrophage-derived gelatinase) (Wilhelm, S. M. *J. Biol. Chem.* 264:17213 (1989)), again indicating high expression of this enzyme by osteoclasts. Twenty-five of the gelatinase B clones were identified by dideoxy sequence analysis; all 25 showed 100% sequence homology to the published gelatinase B sequence (Genbank accession number J05070). The portions of the gelatinase B cDNA sequence covered by these clones is shown in the FIGURE (SEQ ID NO: 33). An additional 52 gelatinase B clones were identified by reactivity with a ^{32}P -labelled probe for gelatinase B.

Thirteen of the sequenced clones yielded no readable sequence. A DNASIS search of GenBank/EMBL databases revealed that, of the remaining 91 clones, 32 clones contain novel sequences which have not yet been reported in the databases or in the literature. These partial sequences are presented in Table I. Note that three of these sequences were repeats, indicating fairly frequent representation of mRNA related to this sequence. The repeat sequences are indicated by ^a, ^b superscripts (Clones 198B, 223B and 32C of Table I).

TABLE I

PARTIAL SEQUENCES OF 32 NOVEL OC-SPECIFIC OR -RELATED EXPRESSED GENES (cDNA CLONES)

34A (SEQ ID NO: 1)					
1 GCAAAATATCT	AAGTTTATTTG	CTTGGAATTC	TAGTGAGAGC	TGTTGAATTT	GGTGATGTCA
61 AATGTTTCTA	GGGTTTITTT	AGTTTGTTTT	TATTGAAAAA	TTTAATTATT	TATGCTATAG
121 GTGATATTCT	CTTTGAATAA	ACCTATAATA	GAAATAGCA	GCAGACAACA	
4B (SEQ ID NO: 2)					
1 GTGTCAACCT	GCAATCTCTA	AAATGTCAA	AATCTCAT	CTGGTTAATG	TCCGGGTAGG

TABLE I-continued

PARTIAL SEQUENCES OF 32 NOVEL OC-SPECIFIC OR -RELATED
EXPRESSED GENES (cDNA CLONES)

61	GGG					
12B (SEQ ID NO: 3)						
1	CTTCCCTCTC	TTGCTTCCT	TTCCCAAGCA	GAGGTGCTCA	CTCCATGGCC	ACCGCCACCA
61	CAGGCCACACA	GGGAGTACTG	CCAGACTACT	GCTGATGTTT	TCCTAAGGCC	CAGGGAGTCT
121	CAACCAGCTG	GTGGTGAATG	CTGCCTGGCA	CGGGACCCCC	CCC	
28B (SEQ ID NO: 4)						
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1	GGCTGGACAT	GGGTGCCCTC	CACGTCCCTC	ATATCCCCAG	GCACACTCTG	GCCTCAGGTT
61	TTGCCCTGGC	CATGTCATCT	ACCTGGAGTG	GGCCCTCCCC	TTCTTCAGCC	TTGAATCAAA
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181	ACAAAAA	AAAAAA				
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121	TAATTTGCCT	TC				
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1	GAAGAGAGTT	GTATGTACAA	CCCAACAGG	CAAGGCAGCT	AAATGCAGAG	GGTACAGAGA
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61	GCAAACTGA	GATTTCAGCA	TAAAATCTTT	AGTTAGAAGT	GAAGAGAAAG	AGAGGGAGGC
121	TGGTTGCTGT	TGCCAGTATC	AATAGGTTAT	C		
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1	TTCTTGATCT	TTAGAACACT	ATGAATAGGG	AAAAAGAAA	AAACTGTTCA	AAATAAAATG
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181	CAATGATAAA	ACTTGACAAA	A			
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1	ACCCATTCTT	AACAATTTT	ACTGTAAAT	TTTTGGTCAA	AGTTCTAAGC	TTAATCACAT
61	CTCAAGAAT	AGAGGCAATA	TATAGCCCAT	CTTACTAGAC	ATACAGTATT	AAACTGGACT
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121	TAACTTTTTT	TTTTTACATT	ATAAAATTAA	CTTGTTT		
118B (SEQ ID NO: 12)						
1	CCAAATTTCT	CTGGAATCCA	TCCTCCCTCC	CATCACCATA	GCCTCGAGAC	GTCATTTCTG
61	TTTGACTACT	CCAGC				
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1	ATTATTATTC	TTTTTTTATG	TTAGCTTAGC	CATGCAAAAT	TTACTGGTGA	AGCAGTTAAT
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121	GATAAACCCG	GCACGTCCTG	ATAGGAAATT	C		
144B (SEQ ID NO: 15)						
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61	AACAGCATGT	TCATCAGCAG	GAAGCTGGCC	GTGGGCAGGG	GGCC	
198B* (SEQ ID NO: 16)						
1	ATAGGTTAGA	TTCTCATTCA	CGGGACTAGT	TAGCTTTAAG	CACCCTAGAG	GACTAGGGTA
61	ATCTGACTTC	TCATTTCTTA	AGTTCCCTCT	TATATCCTCA	AGGTAGAAAT	GTCTATGTTT
121	TCTACTCCAA	TTTATAAATC	TATTCATAAG	TCTTTGGTAC	AAGTTACATG	ATAAAAAGAA
181	ATGTGATTTG	TCTTCCCTTC	TTTGCACTTT	TRAAATAAAG	TATTTATCTC	CTGTCTACAG
241	TTTAAT					
212B (SEQ ID NO: 17)						
1	GTCCAGTATA	AAGGAAAGCG	TAAAGTCGGT	AAGCTAGAGG	ATTGTAAATA	TCCTTTATGT
61	CCTCTAGATA	AAACACCCGA	TTAACAGATG	TTAACCTTTT	ATGTTTGTAT	TTGCTTTAAA
121	AATGGCCCTTC	TACACATTAG	CTCCAGCTAA	AAAGACACAT	TGAGAGCTTA	GAGGATAGTC
181	CTGGAGC					
223B* (SEQ ID NO: 18)						
1	GCACTTGGAA	GGGAGTTGGT	GTGCTATTTT	TGAAGCAGAT	GTGGTGATAC	TGAGATTGTC
61	TGTTCACTTT	CCCCATTTGT	TTGTGCTTCA	AATGATCCTT	CCTACTTTGC	TTCTCTCCAC
121	CCATGACCTT	TTTCACTGTG	GCCATCAAGG	ACTTTCTGTA	CAGCTTGTGT	ACTCTTAGGC
181	TAAGAGATGT	GACTACAGCC	TGCCCTGAC	TG		
241B (SEQ ID NO: 19)						
1	TGTTAGTTTT	TAGGAAGGCC	TCTCTCTGG	GAGTGAGGTT	TATTAGTCCA	CTTCTTGGAG
61	CTAGACGTCC	TATAGTTAGT	CAGTGGGAGT	GGTGAAAGAG	GGAGAAGAGG	AAGGGCGAAG
121	GGAAGGGCTC	TTTGCTAGTA	TCTCCATTTT	TAGAAGATGG	TTAGATGAT	AACCACAGGT
181	CTATATGAGC	ATAGTAAGGC	TGT			
32C* (SEQ ID NO: 20)						
1	CCTATTCTGT	ATCCTGACTT	TGGACAAGGC	CCTTCAGCCA	GAAGACTGAC	AAAGTCATCC
121	TCCGTCTAOC	AGAGCGTGCA	CTGTGATCC	TAAATAAGC	TTTCTCTCCG	GCTGTGCCCT
161	GGGTGGAAGG	GCCAGGATTC	TGCAGCTGCT	TTTGCATTTT	TCTTCTAAA	TTTCAAT

TABLE I-continued

PARTIAL SEQUENCES OF 32 NOVEL OC-SPECIFIC OR -RELATED EXPRESSED GENES (cDNA CLONES)					
34C (SEQ ID NO: 21)					
1 CGGAGCGTAG	GTGTGTTAT	TCCTGTACAA	ATCATTACAA	AACCAAGTCT	GGGGCAGTCA
61 CCGCCCCAC	CCATCACCC	AGTGCAATGG	CTAGCTGCTG	GCCTTT	
47C (SEQ ID NO: 22)					
1 TTAGTTCAGT	CAAAGCAGGC	AACCCCTTT	GGCACTGCTG	CCACTGGGGT	CATGGCGGTT
61 GTGGCAGCTG	GGGAGGTTTC	CCCAACACC	TOCTCTGCTT	CCCTGTGTGT	CGGGGTCTCA
121 GGAGCTGACC	CAGAATGGA				
65C (SEQ ID NO: 23)					
1 GCTGAATGTT	TAAGAGAGAT	TTTGCTCTTA	AAGGCTTCAT	CATGAAAAGTG	TACATGCATA
61 TGCAAGTGTG	AATTACGTGG	TATGGATGGT	TGCTTGTTTA	TTAACTAAAG	ATGTACAGCA
121 AACTGCCCGT	TTAGAGTCTT	CTTAATATGT	ATGTCTTAAC	ACTGGGTCTG	CTTATGC
79C (SEQ ID NO: 24)					
1 GGCAGTGGGA	TATGGAATCC	AGAAGGGAAA	CAAGCACTGG	ATAATTAATA	ACAGCTGGGG
61 AGAAAAGTGG	GGAAACAAAG	GATATATCT	CATGGCTCGA	AATAAGAAACA	ACGCTGTGG
121 CATTGCCAAC	CTGGCCAGCT	TCCCAAGAT	GTGACTCCAG	CCAGAAA	
84C (SEQ ID NO: 25)					
1 GCCAGGGCGG	ACCGTCTTTA	TTCTCTCCT	GCCTCAGAGG	TCAGGAAGGA	GGTCTGGCAG
61 GACCTGCAGT	GGGCCCTAGT	CATCTGTGGC	AGCGAAGGTG	AAGGGACTCA	CCTTGTGCC
121 CGTGCCTGAG	TAGAATCTGT	TCTGGAATTC	C		
86C (SEQ ID NO: 26)					
1 AACTCTTTCA	CACTCTGGTA	TTTTAGTTT	AACAATATAT	GTGTTGTGTC	TTGGAATAA
61 GTTCATATCA	ATTATATTT	AGCTGTCTCA	TTCTTTTTT	AATGGTCATA	TACAGTAGTA
121 TTCAATATA	AGAATATATC	CTAATACTTT	TAAAA		
87C (SEQ ID NO: 27)					
1 GGATAAGAAA	GAAGGCCTGA	GGCCTAGGGG	CGRGCTGCTG	CCTGCGTCTC	AGTCTGGGA
61 CGCAGCAGCC	CGCACAGGT	GAGAGGGGCA	CTTCCTCTTG	CTTAGGTTGG	TGAGGATCTG
121 GTCCTGGTTG	GCCGGTGGAG	AGCCACAAAA			
88C (SEQ ID NO: 28)					
1 CTGACCTTCG	AGAGTTTGAC	CTGAGCCGG	ATACCTACTG	CCGCTATGAC	TCGGTCAGCG
61 TGTTCACCGG	AGCGTGAGC	GACGACTCCG	GTGGGGAAGT	TCTGCGGCGA	T
89C (SEQ ID NO: 29)					
1 ATCCCTGGCT	GTGGATAGTG	CTTTGTGTA	GCAAATGCTC	CCTCCTTAAG	GTTATAGGGC
61 TCCTCAGATT	TGGGAGTGTG	GAGTACTAC	TAACTGTCT	GTCTGCTTG	GCTGTGTTA
121 TCGTTTCTG	GTGATGTGT	GCTAACCAATA	AGAATAC		
101C (SEQ ID NO: 30)					
1 GGCTGGGCAT	CCCTCTCTC	CTCCATCCC	ATACATACC	AGGTCTAATG	TTTACAAACG
61 GTGCCAGCCC	GGCTCTGAAO	CCAAGGGCCG	TCCGTGCCAC	GGTGGCTGTG	AGTATCTCTC
121 CGTTAGCTTT	CCCATAAGGT	TGGAGTATCT	GC		
112C (SEQ ID NO: 31)					
1 CCAACTCTA	COGCGATACA	GACCCACAGA	GTGCCATCCC	TGAGAGACCA	GACCGCTCCC
161 CAATACTCTC	CTAAATAAAA	CATGAAGCAC			
114C (SEQ ID NO: 32)					
1 CATGGATGAA	TGTCTCATGG	TGGAAGGAA	CATGGTACAT	TTC	

*Repeated 3 times

*Repeated 2 times

Sequence analysis of the OC⁺ stromal cell⁻ cloned DNA sequences revealed, in addition to the novel sequences, a number of previously-described genes. The known genes identified (including type 5 acid phosphatase, gelatinase B, cystatin C (13 clones), Alu repeat sequences (11 clones), creatine kinase (6 clones) and others) are summarized in Table II. In situ hybridization (described below) directly demonstrated that gelatinase B mRNA is expressed in multinucleated osteoclasts and not in stromal cells. Although gelatinase B is a well-characterized protease, its expression at high levels in osteoclasts has not been previously described. The expression in osteoclasts of cystatin C, a cysteine protease inhibitor, is also unexpected. This finding has not yet been confirmed by in situ hybridization. Taken together, these results demonstrate that most of these identified genes are osteoclast-expressed, thereby confirming the effectiveness of the differential screening strategy for identifying DNA encoding osteoclast-specific or -related gene products. Therefore, novel genes identified by this method have a high probability of being OC-specific or related.

In addition, a minority of the genes identified by this screen are probably not expressed by OCs (Table II). For example, type III collagen (6 clones), collagen type I (1 clone), dermatansulfate (1 clone), and type VI collagen (1

clone) are more likely to originate from the stromal cells or from osteoblastic cells which are present in the tumor. These cDNA sequences survive the differential screening process either because the cells which produce them in the tumor in vivo die out during the stromal cell propagation phase, or because they stop producing their product in vitro. These clones do not constitute more than 5-10% of the all sequences selected by differential hybridization.

TABLE II

SEQUENCE ANALYSIS OF CLONES ENCODING KNOWN SEQUENCES FROM AN OSTEOCLASTOMA cDNA LIBRARY	
Clones with Sequence Homology to Collagenase Type IV	25 total
Clones with Sequence Homology to Type 5 Tartrate Resistant Acid Phosphatase	14 total
Clones with Sequence Homology to Cystatin C	13 total
Clones with Sequence Homology to Alu-repeat Sequences	11 total
Clones with Sequence Homology to Creatine Kinase	6 total
Clones with Sequence Homology to	6 total

TABLE II-continued

SEQUENCE ANALYSIS OF CLONES ENCODING KNOWN SEQUENCES FROM AN OSTEOCLASTOMA cDNA LIBRARY	
Type III Collagen	
Clones with Sequence Homology to MHC Class I γ Invariant Chain	5 total
Clones with Sequence Homology to MHC Class II β Chain	3 total
One or Two Clone(s) with Sequence Homology to Each of the Following:	10 total
$\alpha 1$ collagen type I	
γ interferon inducible protein	
osteopontin	
Human chondroitin/dermatan sulfate	
α globin	
β glucosidase/sphingolipid activator	
Human CAPL protein (Ca binding)	
Human EST 01024	
Type VI collagen	
Human EST 00553	

Example 5—In situ Hybridization of OC-Expressed Genes

In situ hybridization was performed using probes derived from novel cloned sequences in order to determine whether the novel putative OC-specific or -related genes are differentially expressed in osteoclasts (and not expressed in the stromal cells) of human giant cell tumors. Initially, in situ hybridization was performed using antisense (positive) and sense (negative control) cRNA probes against human type IV collagenase/gelatinase B labelled with 35 S-UTP.

A thin section of human giant cell tumor reacted with the antisense probe resulted in intense labelling of all OCs, as indicated by the deposition of silver grains over these cells, but failed to label the stromal cell elements. In contrast, only minimal background labelling was observed with the sense (negative control) probe. This result confirmed that gelatinase B is expressed in human OCs.

In situ hybridization was then carried out using cRNA probes derived from 11/32 novel genes, labelled with digoxigenin UTP according to known methods.

The results of this analysis are summarized in Table III. Clones 28B, 118B, 140B, 198B, and 212B all gave positive reactions with OCs in frozen sections of a giant cell tumor, as did the positive control gelatinase B. These novel clones therefore are expressed in OCs and fulfill all criteria for OC-relatedness. 198B is repeated three times, indicating relatively high expression. Clones 4B, 37B, 88C and 98B produced positive reactions with the tumor tissue; however the signal was not well-localized to OCs. These clones are therefore not likely to be useful and are eliminated from further consideration. Clones 86B and 87B failed to give a positive reaction with any cell type, possibly indicating very low level expression. This group of clones could still be useful but may be difficult to study further. The results of this analysis show that 5/11 novel genes are expressed in OCs, indicating that ~50% of novel sequences likely to be OC-related.

To generate probes for the in situ hybridizations, cDNA derived from novel cloned osteoclast-specific or -related cDNA was subcloned into a BlueScript II SK(-) vector. The orientation of cloned inserts was determined by restriction analysis of subclones. The T7 and T3 promoters in the BlueScriptII vector was used to generate 35 S-labelled (35 S-UTP 850 Ci/mmol, Amersham, Arlington Heights, Ill.), or

UTP digoxigenin labelled cRNA probes.

TABLE III

In Situ HYBRIDIZATION USING PROBES DERIVED FROM NOVEL SEQUENCES		
Clone	Reactivity with:	
	Osteoclasts	Stromal Cells
4B	+	+
28B*	+	-
37B	+	+
86B	-	-
87B	-	-
88C	+	+
98B	+	+
118B*	+	-
140B*	+	-
198B*	+	-
212B*	+	-
Gelatinase B*	+	-

*OC-expressed, as indicated by reactivity with antisense probe and lack of reactivity with sense probe on OCs only.

In situ hybridization was carried out on 7 micron cryostat sections of a human osteoclastoma as described previously (Chang, L.-C. et al. *Cancer Res.* 49:6700 (1989)). Briefly, tissue was fixed in 4% paraformaldehyde and embedded in OCT (Miles Inc., Kankakee, Ill.). The sections were rehydrated, postfixed in 4% paraformaldehyde, washed, and pretreated with 10 mM DTT, 10 mM iodoacetamide, 10 mM N-ethylmaleimide and 0.1 triethanolamine-HCL. Prehybridization was done with 50% deionized formamide, 10 mM Tris-HCl, pH 7.0, 1x Denhardt's, 500 mg/ml tRNA, 80 mg/ml salmon sperm DNA, 0.3M NaCl, mM EDTA, and 100 mM DTT at 45° C. for 2 hours. Fresh hybridization solution containing 10% dextran sulfate and 1.5 ng/ml 35 S-labelled or digoxigenin labelled RNA probe was applied after heat denaturation. Sections were coverslipped and then incubated in a moistened chamber at 45°-50° C. overnight. Hybridized sections were washed four times with 50% formamide, 2x SSC, containing 10 mM DTT and 0.5% Triton X-100 at 45° C. Sections were treated with RNase A and RNase T1 to digest single-stranded RNA, washed four times in 2x SSC/10 mM DTT.

In order to detect 35 S-labelling by autoradiography, slides were dehydrated, dried, and coated with Kodak NTB-2 emulsion. The duplicate slides were split, and each set was placed in a black box with desiccant, sealed, and incubated at 4° C. for 2 days. The slides were developed (4 minutes) and fixed (5 minutes) using Kodak developer D19 and Kodak fixer. Hematoxylin and eosin were used as counterstains.

In order to detect digoxigenin-labelled probes, a Nucleic Acid Detection Kit (Boehringer-Mannheim, Cat. #1175041) was used. Slides were washed in Buffer 1 consisting of 100 mM Tris/150 mM NaCl, pH7.5, for 1 minute. 100 μ l Buffer 2 was added (made by adding 2 mg/ml blocking reagent as provided by the manufacturer) in Buffer 1 to each slide. The slides were placed on a shaker and gently swirled at 20° C.

Antibody solutions were diluted 1:100 with Buffer 2 (as provided by the manufacturer). 100 μ l of diluted antibody solution was applied to the slides and the slides were then incubated in a chamber for 1 hour at room temperature. The slides were monitored to avoid drying. After incubation with antibody solution, slides were washed in Buffer 1 for 10 minutes, then washed in Buffer 3 containing 2 mM levamisole for 2 minutes.

After washing, 100 μ l color solution was added to the slides. Color solution consisted of nitroblue/tetrazolium salt

(NBT) (1:225 dilution) 4.5 μ l, 5-bromo-4-chloro-3-indolyl phosphate (1:285 dilution) 3.5 μ l, levamisole 0.2 mg in Buffer 3 (as provided by the manufacturer) in a total volume of 1 ml. Color solution was prepared immediately before use.

After adding the color solution, the slides were placed in a dark, humidified chamber at 20° C. for 2–5 hours and monitored for color development. The color reaction was stopped by rinsing slides in TE Buffer.

The slides were stained for 60 seconds in 0.25% methyl green, washed with tap water, then mounted with water-based Permount (Fisher).

Example 6—Immunohistochemistry

Immunohistochemical staining was performed on frozen and paraffin embedded tissues as well as on cytospin preparations (see Table IV). The following antibodies were used: polyclonal rabbit anti-human gelatinase antibodies; Ab110 for gelatinase B; monoclonal mouse anti-human CD68 antibody (clone KP1) (DAKO, Denmark); Mo1 (anti-CD11b) and Mo2 (anti-CD14) derived from ATCC cell lines HB CRL 8026 and TIB 228/HB44. The anti-human gelatinase B antibody Ab110 was raised against a synthetic peptide with the amino acid sequence EALMYPMYRFTEGPPLHK (SEQ ID NO: 34), which is specific for human gelatinase B (Corcoran, M. L. et al. *J. Biol. Chem.* 267:515 (1992)).

Detection of the immunohistochemical staining was achieved by using a goat anti-rabbit glucose oxidase kit (Vector Laboratories, Burlingame Calif.) according to the manufacturer's directions. Briefly, the sections were rehydrated and pretested with either acetone or 0.1% trypsin. Normal goat serum was used to block nonspecific binding. Incubation with the primary antibody for 2 hours or overnight (Ab110:1/500 dilution) was followed by either a glucose oxidase labeled secondary anti-rabbit serum, or, in the case of the mouse monoclonal antibodies, were reacted with purified rabbit anti-mouse Ig before incubation with the secondary antibody.

Paraffin embedded and frozen sections from osteoclastomas (GCT) were reacted with a rabbit antiserum against gelatinase B (antibody 110) (Corcoran, M. L. et al. *J. Biol. Chem.* 267:515 (1992)), followed by color development with glucose oxidase linked reagents. The osteoclasts of a giant cell tumor were uniformly strongly positive for gelatinase B, whereas the stromal cells were unreactive. Control sections reacted with rabbit preimmune serum were negative. Identical findings were obtained for all 8 long bone giant cell tumors tested (Table IV). The osteoclasts present in three out of four central giant cell granulomas (GCG) of the mandible were also positive for gelatinase B expression. These neoplasms are similar but not identical to the long bone giant cell tumors, apart from their location in the jaws (Shafer, W. G. et al., *Textbook of Oral Pathology*, W. B. Saunders Company, Philadelphia, pp. 144–149 (1983)). In contrast, the multinucleated cells from a peripheral giant cell tumor, which is a generally non-resorptive tumor of oral soft tissue,

were unreactive with antibody (Shafer, W. G. et al., *Textbook of Oral Pathology*, W. B. Saunders Company, Philadelphia, pp. 144–149 (1983)).

Antibody 110 was also utilized to assess the presence of gelatinase B in normal bone (n=3) and in Paget's disease, in which there is elevated bone remodeling and increased osteoclastic activity. Strong staining for gelatinase B was observed in osteoclasts both in normal bone (mandible of a 2 year old), and in Paget's disease. Staining was again absent in controls incubated with preimmune serum. Osteoblasts did not stain in any of the tissue sections, indicating that gelatinase B expression is limited to osteoclasts in bone. Finally, peripheral blood monocytes were also reactive with antibody 110 (Table IV).

TABLE IV

DISTRIBUTION OF GELATINASE B IN VARIOUS TISSUES

Samples	Antibodies tested Ab 110 gelatinase B
GCT frozen (n = 2)	
giant cells	+
stromal cells	-
GCT paraffin (n = 6)	
giant cells	+
stromal cells	-
central GCG (n = 4)	
giant cells	+(3/4)
stromal cells	-
peripheral GCT (n = 4)	
giant cells	-
stromal cells	-
Paget's disease (n = 1)	
osteoclasts	+
osteoblasts	-
normal bone (n = 3)	
osteoclasts	+
osteoblasts	-
monocytes (cytospin)	+

Distribution of gelatinase B in multinucleated giant cells, osteoclasts, osteoblasts and stromal cells in various tissues. In general, paraffin embedded tissues were used for these experiments; exceptions are indicated.

Equivalents

Those skilled in the art will recognize, or be able to ascertain using no more than routine experimentation, many equivalents to the specific embodiments described herein. Such equivalents are intended to be encompassed by the following claims.

SEQUENCE LISTING

(1) GENERAL INFORMATION:

(111) NUMBER OF SEQUENCES: 34

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:1:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 (A) LENGTH: 170 base pairs
 (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: double
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(i i) MOLECULE TYPE: DNA (genomic)

(x i) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:1:

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(x i) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:2:

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 (C) STRANDEDNESS: double
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 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(i i) MOLECULE TYPE: DNA (genomic)

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- (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
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- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

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(A) LENGTH: 162 base pairs
(B) TYPE: nucleic acid
(C) STRANDEDNESS: double
(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(i i) MOLECULE TYPE: DNA (genomic)

(1) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:10:

ACCCATTTCT AACAATTTTT ACTGTAAAAT TTTTGGTCAA AGTCTAAGC TTAATCACAT 60
CTCAAAGAAT AGAGGCAATA TATAGCCCAT CTTACTAGAC ATACAQTATT AAAGTGGACT 120
GAATATGAGG ACAAGCTCTA GTGGTCATTA AACCCCTCAG AA 162

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:11:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
(A) LENGTH: 157 base pairs
(B) TYPE: nucleic acid
(C) STRANDEDNESS: double
(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(i i) MOLECULE TYPE: DNA (genomic)

(1) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:11:

ACATATATTA ACAGCATTCA TTTGGCCAAA ATCTACACGT TTGTAGAATC CTACTGTATA 60
TAAAGTGGGA ATGTATCAAG TATAGACTAT GAAAGTGCAA ATAACAAGTC AAGGTTAGAT 120
TAACTTTTTT TTTTACATT ATAAAATTAA CTGTGTTT 157

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:12:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
(A) LENGTH: 75 base pairs
(B) TYPE: nucleic acid
(C) STRANDEDNESS: double
(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(i i) MOLECULE TYPE: DNA (genomic)

(1) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:12:

CCAAATTTCT CTGGAATCCA TCCTCCCTCC CATCACCATA GCCTCGAGAC GTCATTTCTG 60
TTTGACTACT CCAGC 75

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:13:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
(A) LENGTH: 124 base pairs
(B) TYPE: nucleic acid
(C) STRANDEDNESS: double
(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(i i) MOLECULE TYPE: DNA (genomic)

(1) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:13:

AACTAACCTC CTCGACCCC TGCCTCACTC ATTTACACCA ACCACCCAAC TATCTATAAA 60
CCTGAGCCAT GGCATCCCT TATGAGCGGC GCAGTGATTA TAGGCTTTCTG CTCTAAGATA 120

AAAT

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:14:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 (A) LENGTH: 151 base pairs
 (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: double
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(i i) MOLECULE TYPE: DNA (genomic)

(x i) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:14:

ATTATTATTC TTTTTTATG TTAGCTTAGC CATGCAAAAT TTAGTGGTGA AGCAGTTAAT 60
 AAAACACACA TCCCATTTGAA GGGTTTTGTA CATTTCAGTC CTTACAAATA ACAAAGCAAT 120
 GATAAACCCG GCACGTCCTG ATAGGAAATT C 151

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:15:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 (A) LENGTH: 105 base pairs
 (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: double
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(i i) MOLECULE TYPE: DNA (genomic)

(x i) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:15:

CGTGACACAA ACATGCATTC GTTTTATTCA TAAACAGCC TGGTTTCCTA AAACAATACA 60
 AACAGCATGT TCATCAACAG GAAGCTGGCC GTGGGCAGGG GGGCC 105

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:16:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 (A) LENGTH: 246 base pairs
 (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: double
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(i i) MOLECULE TYPE: DNA (genomic)

(x i) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:16:

ATAAGTTAGA TTCTCATTCA CCGGACTAGT TAGCTTTAAG CACCCTAGAG GACTAGGGTA 60
 ATCTGACTTC TCACTTCCTA AGTTCCCTCT TATATCCTCA AGGTAGAAAT GTCTATGTTT 120
 TCTACTCCAA TTCATAAATC TATTCATAAG TCTTTGGTAC AAGTTACATG ATAAAAAGAA 180
 ATGTGATTTG TCTTCCCTTC TTTGC'ACTTT TGAAATAAAG TATTTATCTC CTGTCTACAG 240
 TTTAAT 246

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:17:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 (A) LENGTH: 188 base pairs
 (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: double
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(i i) MOLECULE TYPE: DNA (genomic)

(x i) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:17:

GTCCAGTATA AAGGAAAGCG TTAAGTCOQT AAGCTAGAGG ATTGTAAATA TCTTTTATGT 60
 CCTCTAGATA AAACACCCGA TTAACAGATG TTAACCTTTT ATGTTTTGAT TTGCTTTAA 120
 AATGGCCTTC TACACATTAG CTCCAGCTAA AAAGACACAT TGAGAGCTTA GAGGATAGTC 180

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TCTGGAGC

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:18:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 (A) LENGTH: 212 base pairs
 (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: double
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(i i) MOLECULE TYPE: DNA (genomic)

(x i) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:18:

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GCACCTTGGAA GGGAGTTGGT GTGCTATTTT TGAAGCAGAT GTGGTGAATAC TGAGATTGTC      60
TGTTCAAGTTT CCCCATTTGT TTGTGCTTCA AATGATCCTT CCTACTTTGC TTCTCTCCAC      120
CCATGACCTT TTTCAGTGT GCCATCAAGG ACTTTCCTGA CAGCTTGTGT ACTCTTAAGC      180
TAAGAGATGT GACTACAGCC TGCCCCTGAC TG                                     212
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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:19:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 (A) LENGTH: 203 base pairs
 (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: double
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(i i) MOLECULE TYPE: DNA (genomic)

(x i) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:19:

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TGTTAGTTTT TAGGAAGGCC TGTCTTCTGG GAGTGAGGTT TATTAGTCCA CTTCTTOGAG      60
CTAGACGTCC TATAGTTAGT CACTGGGGAT GGTGAAAGAG GGAGAAGAGG AAGGGCGAAG      120
GGAAGGGCTC TTTGCTAGTA TCTCCATTTC TAGAAGATGG TTTAGATGAT AACCACAGGT      180
CTATATGAGC ATAGTAAGGC TGT                                     203
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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:20:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 (A) LENGTH: 177 base pairs
 (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: double
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(i i) MOLECULE TYPE: DNA (genomic)

(x i) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:20:

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CCTATTTCTG ATCCTGACTT TGGACAAGGC CCTTCAGCCA GAAGACTGAC AAAGTCATCC      60
TCCGTCATCC AGAGCGTGCA CTGTGATCC TAAAATAAGC TTCATCTCCG GCTGTGCCTT      120
GGGTGGAAGG GGCAGGATTC TGCAGCTGCT TTTGCATTTT TCTTCCTAAA TTTCATT      177
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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:21:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 (A) LENGTH: 106 base pairs
 (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: double
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(i i) MOLECULE TYPE: DNA (genomic)

(x i) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:21:

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CGGAGCGTAG GTGTGTTTAT TCCTGTACAA ATCATTACAA AACCAAGTCT OGGGCAGTCA      60
CCGCCCCCAC CCATCACCCC AATGCAATGG CTAGCTGCTG GCCTTT      106
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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:22:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 (A) LENGTH: 139 base pairs
 (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: double
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(i i) MOLECULE TYPE: DNA (genomic)

(x i) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:22:

TTAGTTCAAT CAAACCAAGC AACCCCTTT GGCAGTCTG CCACTGGGGT CATGCCGGTT 60
 GTGGCAGCTG GGGAGGTTTC CCCAACACCC TCCTCTGCTT CCCTGTGTGT CGGGGTCTCA 120
 GGAAGTGAAC CAGAGTGGA 139

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:23:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 (A) LENGTH: 177 base pairs
 (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: double
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(i i) MOLECULE TYPE: DNA (genomic)

(x i) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:23:

GCTGAATGTT TAAGAGAGAT TTGGTCTTA AAGGCTTCAT CATGAAAGTG TACATGCATA 60
 TGCAAGTGTG AATTACGTGG TATGGATGGT TGCTTGTTTA TTAATAAAG ATGTACAGCA 120
 AACTGCCCCGTTAGAGTCCT CTTAATATTG ATGTCTAAC ACTGGGTCTG CTTATGC 177

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:24:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 (A) LENGTH: 167 base pairs
 (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: double
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(i i) MOLECULE TYPE: DNA (genomic)

(x i) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:24:

GGCAGTGGGA TATGGAATCC AGAAGGGAAA CAAGCACTGG ATAATTAAAA ACAOCTGGGG 60
 AGAAAACTGG OGAAACAAAG GATATATCCT CATGGCTCGA AATAAGAACA ACGCCTGTGG 120
 CATTGCCAAC CTGCCAGCT TCCCAAGAT GTGACTCCAG CCAGAAA 167

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:25:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 (A) LENGTH: 151 base pairs
 (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: double
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(i i) MOLECULE TYPE: DNA (genomic)

(x i) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:25:

GCCAGGGCGG ACCGTCTTTA TTCCTCTCCT GCCTCAGAGG TCAGGAAGGA GGTCTGGCAG 60
 GACCTGCAGT GGGCCCTAGT CATCTGTGGC AGCGAAGGTG AAGGGACTCA CCTTGTGGCC 120
 COTGCCTGAG TAGAACTTGT TCTGGAATTC C 151

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:26:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

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(A) LENGTH: 156 base pairs
 (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: double
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(i i) MOLECULE TYPE: DNA (genomic)

(* i) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:26:

A A C T C T T T C A C A C T C T G G T A T T T T A G T T T A A C A A T A T A T G T G T T G T G T C T T G G A A A T T A	60
G T T C A T A T C A A T T C A T A T T G A G C T G T C T C A T T C T T T T T T A A T G G T C A T A T A C A G T A G T A	120
T T C A A T T A T A A G A A T A T A T C C T A A T A C T T T T T A A A A	156

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:27:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

(A) LENGTH: 150 base pairs
 (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: double
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(i i) MOLECULE TYPE: DNA (genomic)

(* i) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:27:

G G A T A A G A A A G A A G G C C T G A G G C T A G G G G C C G G G G C T G G C C T G C G T C T C A G T C C T G G G A	60
C G C A G C A G C C C G C A C A G G T T G A G A G G G G C A C T T C T C T T G C T T A G G T T G G T G A G G A T C T G	120
G T C C T G G T T G G C C G G T G G A G A C C A C A A A A	150

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:28:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

(A) LENGTH: 212 base pairs
 (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: double
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(i i) MOLECULE TYPE: DNA (genomic)

(* i) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:28:

G C A C T T G G A A G G G A G T T G G T G T G C T A T T T T T G A A G C A G A T G T G G T G A T A C T G A G A T T G T C	60
T G T T C A G T T T C C C C A T T T G T T T O T C T T C A A A T G A T C C T T C C T A C T T T G C T T C T C T C C A C	120
C C A T G A C C T T T T T C A C T G T G G C C A T C A A G G A C T T T C C T G A C A G C T T G T G T A C T C T T A G G C	180
T A A G A G A T G T G A C T A C A G C C T G C C C C T G A C T G	212

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:29:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

(A) LENGTH: 157 base pairs
 (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: double
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(i i) MOLECULE TYPE: DNA (genomic)

(* i) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:29:

A T C C C T G G C T G T G G A T A G T G C T T T T G T G T A G C A A A T G C T C C T C C T T A A G G T T A T A G G G C	60
T C C C T G A G T T T G G G A G T G T G A A G T A C T A C T T A A C T G T C T G T C C T G C T T G C T G T C G T T A	120
T C G T T T T C T G G T A T G T T G T G C T A A C A A T A A G A A T A C	157

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:30:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

(A) LENGTH: 152 base pairs
 (B) TYPE: nucleic acid

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(C) STRANDEDNESS: double
(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(i i) MOLECULE TYPE: DNA (genomic)

(x i) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:30:

GGCTGGGCAT CCCTCTCCTC CTCCATCCCC ATACATCACC AGGTCTAATG TTTACAAACG	60
GTOCCAGCCC GGCTCTGAAG CCAAGGCCCG TCCGTGCCAC GGTGGCTGTG AGTATTCCTC	120
COTTAGCTTT CCCATAAGGT TGGAGTATCT GC	152

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:31:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

(A) LENGTH: 90 base pairs
(B) TYPE: nucleic acid
(C) STRANDEDNESS: double
(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(i i) MOLECULE TYPE: DNA (genomic)

(x i) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:31:

CCAATCCTA CCGCGATACA GACCCACAGA GTGCCATCCC TGAGAGACCA GACCGCTCCC	60
CAATACTCTC CTAAAATAAA CATGAAACAC	90

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:32:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

(A) LENGTH: 43 base pairs
(B) TYPE: nucleic acid
(C) STRANDEDNESS: double
(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(i i) MOLECULE TYPE: DNA (genomic)

(x i) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:32:

CATGGATGAA TGTCTCATGG TGGGAAGGAA CATGGTACAT TTC	43
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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:33:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

(A) LENGTH: 2333 base pairs
(B) TYPE: nucleic acid
(C) STRANDEDNESS: double
(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(i i) MOLECULE TYPE: DNA (genomic)

(x i) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:33:

AGACACCTCT GCCCTACCCA TGAGCCTCTG GCAGCCCCCTG GTCCTGGTGCT TCCTGGTGCT	60
GGGCTGCTGC TTTGCTGCCC CCAGACAACG CCAGTCCACC CTTGTGCTCT TCCCTGGAGA	120
CCTGAGAAAC AATCTCACCG ACAGGCAGCT GGCAGAAQAA TACCTGTACC GCTATGGTTA	180
CACTCGGGTG GCAGAGATGC GTGGAGAGTC GAAATCTCTG GGGCCTGCGC TGCTGCTTCT	240
CCAGAAACAA CTGTCCCTGC CCGAGACCGG TGAGCTGGAT AGCGCCACGC TGAAGGCCAT	300
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CAAGTGGCAC CACCACAACA TCACCTATTG GATCCAAAAC TACTCGGAAG ACTTGCCGCG	420
GGCGGTGATT GACGACGCTT TTGCCCGCGC CTTGCGACTG TGGAGCGCGG TGACGCCGCT	480
CACCTTCACT CCGGTGTACA GCCGGGACGC AGACATCGTC ATCCAGTTTG GTGTGCGGGA	540
GCACGGAGAC GGGTATCCCT TCGACGGGAA GGACGGGCTC CTGGCACACG CCTTTCCTCC	600
TGCCCCCGGC ATTCAGGGAG ACGCCCATTT CGACGATGAC GAGTTGTGGT CCCTGGGCAA	660

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GGGCOTCGTG	GTTCCAATC	GGTTTGGAAA	CGCAGATGGC	GCGGCCTGCC	ACTTCCCTTT	720
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CTGGTGCAAT	ACCACGGCCA	ACTACGACAC	CGACGACCGG	TTTGGCTTCT	GCCCCAOCQA	840
GAGACTCTAC	ACCCGGGACG	GCAATGCTGA	TGGGAAACCC	TGCCAGTTTC	CATTTCATCTT	900
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CTCGACGGTG	ATGGGGGGCA	ACTCGGCGGG	GGAGCTGTGC	GTCTTCCCTT	TCACITTCCT	1080
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TACCACCTCG	AACCTTGACA	GCGACAAGAA	GTGGGGCTTC	TGCCCGGACC	AAGGATACAG	1200
TTTGTTCTCT	GTGGCGGGCG	ATGAGTTCGG	CCACGCGCTG	GGCTTAGATC	ATTCCTCAGT	1260
GCCGGAGGCG	CTCATGTACC	CTATGTACCG	CTTCACTGAG	GGGCCCCCTT	TGCATAAOGA	1320
CGACGTGAAT	GGCATCCGGC	ACCTCTATGG	TCCTCGCCCT	GAACCTGAGC	CACGGCCTCC	1380
AACCACCACC	ACACCGCAGC	CCACGGCTCC	CCCGACGGTC	TGCCCCACCG	GACCCCCCAC	1440
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TGCCTGCAAC	GTGAACATCT	TCGACGCCAT	CGCGGAGATT	GGGAACCAAC	TGTATTTGTT	1620
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CCTTATCGCC	GACAAGTGGC	CCGCGCTGCC	CCGCAAGCTG	GACTCGGTCT	TTGAGGAGCC	1740
GCTCTCCAAG	AAGCTTTTCT	TCTTCTCTGG	GCGCCAGGTG	TGGGTGTACA	CAGGCGCGTC	1800
GGTGCTGGGC	CCGAGGCGTC	TGGACAAGCT	GGGCTGGGA	GCCGACGTGG	CCCAGGTGAC	1860
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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:34:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 (A) LENGTH: 18 amino acids
 (B) TYPE: amino acid
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 (D) TOPOLOGY: unknown

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: peptide

(x i) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:34:

Glu Ala Leu Met Tyr Pro Met Tyr Arg Phe Thr Glu Gly Pro Pro Leu
 1 5 10 15
 His Lys

We claim:

1. An isolated osteoclast-specific or -related DNA sequence, or its complementary sequence, the DNA 45 sequence comprising a nucleic acid sequence selected from the group consisting of:

a) DNA sequences set forth in the group consisting of SEQ ID NOS. 12, 14, 16 and 17, or their complementary strands; and

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- b) DNA sequences which hybridize under standard conditions to the DNA sequences defined in a).
2. A DNA construct capable of replicating, in a host cell, osteoclast-specific or -related DNA, said construct comprising:
- a) a DNA sequence of claim 1; and
- b) sequences, in addition to said DNA sequence, necessary for transforming or transfecting a host cell, and for replicating, in a host cell, said DNA sequence.
3. A DNA construct capable of replicating and expressing, in a host cell, osteoclast-specific or -related DNA, said construct comprising:

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- a) a DNA sequence of claim 2; and
- b) sequences, in addition to said DNA sequence, necessary for transforming or transfecting a host cell, and for replicating and expressing, in a host cell, said DNA sequence.
4. A cell stably transformed or transfected with a DNA construct according to claim 3.
5. A cell stably transformed or transfected with a DNA construct according to claim 4.

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